GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ADDITIONAL DEMAND OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments particularly Karnataka have demanded additional Natural Gas supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. From time to time, various State Governments make request for gas supply. As regards Karnataka, GAIL has reported to have received demand of about 10 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) gas, of which 9 MMSCMD is for Bidadi Power Plant of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited and 1 MMSCMD is for Bangalore Municipal Road Transport Corporation.

(c): At present, the availability of natural gas is far below the demand. However, steps are being taken to increase the availability of natural gas in the country which include efforts for increasing domestic gas production under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and import of natural gas as LNG or through transnational pipelines.